

2nd. June, 1916

REGARDING PROVISION IN THE BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR  
SANCTIONED BUILDINGS IN THE BOTANIC GARDENS.

Sir,

In advance of the preparation of the Budget estimate for 1917, I have the honour to ask if it may be at all possible to allot funds for the erection of the laboratory in these Gardens and of the Field Assistants' quarters.

The second is the more urgent: in fact I do not see how it can be postponed.

The last letter with reference to the laboratory is your Gardens 769/14 dated 16th. August 1915, which was a reply to a letter of mine apparently lost which asked for the building of the Field Assistants' quarters also. A reference to the quarters will be found in File 4951/14.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Director of Gardens, S.S.

The Honorable

the Colonial Secretary,

Singapore

F11/1

H.M.L.



Received 16/6/16

Answered.....

It is requested that the following number be quoted in the reply to this letter.

No. Gardens 4071/16.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Singapore, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 1916.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 2nd June, 1916,  
I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency regrets his inability to sanction the suggested expenditure for the erection of a Laboratory and of Quarters for Field Assistants during the continuance of war.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Ernest G.

Colonial Secretary,  
Straits Settlements.

The Director of Gardens,

SINGAPORE.

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T.F.C.



Received...17th August

Answered.....

It is requested that the following number be quoted in the reply to this letter.

No. Gardens. 769/14.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Singapore, 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 1915.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 15th June 1915, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency regrets his inability to sanction the expenditure of the sum you propose on erecting a Laboratory during the continuance of the war.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*R. Pickton*  
Colonial Secretary,  
Straits Settlements.

Letter of June 15 -

I do not know what has happened  
to it. Asked for provision for Lab.  
& three assistants salaries.

What about five assistants salaries -

The Director of Gardens,

SINGAPORE.